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***Dear Friends of the GVCM orphanage and Vision Farm***

It's hard to believe how fast time is flying by; it's been quite a few months since I last wrote about our project in Haiti. Actually, it's been 7 months since Zack Kast and I landed in the DR then travelled through the Haitian countryside to the orphanage.

The capital, Port au Prince, is still too dangerous to enter with the gang violence the nation has been experiencing. The country is in a state of anarchy and it has seemed like no one wanted to step in and help. I did read in the past few days that the USA, along with a multi-national coalition is planning to step in and try to help restore order and peace. Please join me in praying for these steps and efforts will be successful and helpful for the people and nation of Haiti. Thankfully, in the central plateau where Vision Farm is located, life is still relatively normal and we praise God for that.

I've been thinking about how our relationship with GVCM began..... About ten years ago, a few of us made a weeklong visit to GVCM, to check out the ministry. As we were leaving, Pastor Yves, the founder, asked us to help develop their 30 acre plot of land a mile down the road. Neighbors were using it to freely pasture their animals and GVCM was in danger of losing it to the squatters.

After we got over the "I'm never coming back to Haiti", we made several trips to dig canals and ponds to store rainwater, we funded a house for the security man and we were off and running.

The project to develop Vision Farm has often felt like we'd take a step forward then have to take two steps back. It was often bittersweet...but God's timing and plans are always better than ours.

To see that in 2023 Vision Farm has 13 full or part time employees making enough money to support their families; a chicken coop, housing 135 laying hens has been built and the kids are getting a high protein egg-a-day is just the start. In addition, hundreds of trees have been planted and are producing fruit. Our crew of agronomists and laborers are harvesting rice, corn, peanuts, okra, sweet potatoes and many other vegetables to bring to the orphanage kitchen.

We knew from the start that this project would require financial support from friends of Vision Farm, but over time, all the farm decisions and work are being done by our Haitian friends and workers. It's been humbling to see how God has worked and joined our combined efforts for His glory and provision for GVCM.

Zack and I started to construct a chain link fence around the farm last February and we had a great Haitian crew that was to finish the project within a few months. However, there has been some kind of land dispute and are waiting until that gets resolved before the fence is to be completed. Everything is extra hard in Haiti. Please pray with us that this also is resolved quickly and Vision Farm and GVCM are protected in the process.

Pastor Yves, Jude, Marcus and others in the GVCM administration say that besides the food the farm supplying food, it is a great source of pride and encouragement to them. It has been a wonderful experience to all of us from the states to be a part of this endeavor as well

So, as always, thank you for your support and prayers for God to continue to bless Vision Farm and the Global Vision Citadel Ministry.

### ***Blessings, Rand***

**P.S.** I know I've already asked, but please be praying for peace for Haiti and the efforts of this multi-national group to restore order. Also, prayers for the land disputes, an ongoing issue in Haiti, and that the farm can continue to thrive and make a difference. Most importantly, pray for Pastor Yves and his team, that our Lord will be seen and glorified in all that GVCM does to minister and serve the people of Haiti and that our partnership with GVCM and Vision Farm will bring glory to our Lord in Haiti and at home in our lives!!!



**With the donations for GVCM we were able to replace the “run over” farm motorcycle.**

**Mano bringing the weekly protein rich eggs to the orphanage**



**Wilfrid after sweet potato harvest!**

**Green Beans!**



**Recipients of the egg-a-day effort!**



*The hard working Vision Farm crew!*